

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for recovery of sodium thiocyanate from industrial process solution containing ~~undesirable~~ a color imparting ion, at least one component selected from the group consisting of β -sulfo propionic acid and β -sulfo propionitrile, and optionally at least one of ~~components such as an~~ organic compound, an ~~or~~ inorganic compound, ~~compounds, color imparting ions and a bivalent salt~~ salts by membrane based nanofiltration technique, said process comprising the steps of: passing the industrial process solution as a feed solution through a nanofiltration member with simultaneous application of positive pressure to provide a pass solution and a permeate solution, wherein the permeate solution is substantially devoid of the at least one component and the color imparting ion, ~~undesirable components~~ and evaporating the permeate solution to obtain sodium thiocyanate.
2. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the feed solution contains ~~undesired components of the~~ bivalent salt, the color imparting ion, ions and other the ~~organic compound, and the inorganic compound~~ compounds.
3. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the feed solution contains sodium thiocyanate in a concentration in excess of 100 gpl.
4. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the feed solution contains sodium thiocyanate in a concentration between 110 gpl and 120 gpl.
5. (canceled)
6. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the process solution comprises at least two of the organic compound, the inorganic compound, and the bivalent salt ~~desired component in permeate is sodium thiocyanate~~.

7. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the process comprises ~~may comprise~~ of multiple stages wherein the pass solution from a previous stage is diluted using distilled water and used as feed solution for a next stage.
8. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 ~~and~~ or claim 7, wherein the feed solution or the diluted pass solution is passed through one or more nanofiltration membrane modules connected in series so as to produce second and/or subsequent pass solutions, consecutively, which are then finally disposed.
9. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the nanofiltration membrane used is selected from the group consisting of a cellulose triacetate membrane, a polyamide membrane, and a hydrophilised polyamide membrane.
10. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the nanofiltration membrane has an active membrane area of about 1m².
11. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pressure applied to the feed solution at the time of passing the feed solution ~~same~~ through the nanofiltration membrane is equal to or greater than an osmotic pressure difference between the feed/pass solution on one side and the permeate solution of the other side of the membrane.
12. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the process is operated under flux whose value is in the range of 25 to 40 Lm²hr⁻¹.